

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Re. MARGOWICZ, Alexander

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 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
 SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B  
 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
 DATE 2007

On 2 August 1962 the American Adviser to the Byelorussian Desk advised me that Subject had received a telegram from his sister asking him to meet her at Helsinki during the Youth Festival. I later learned that Subject was attempting to get the names of ACL personnel who already were at Helsinki in connection with the Festival, and apparently was attempting to have the Committee sponsor his trip for purposes of meeting his sister. Following discussions with BERTRANDIAS, [ ] DIAKOWSKY and others, it was determined that Subject should in no way be assisted by the Committee; moreover, should be instructed not to contact any of our personnel at Helsinki. Subject's intention to meet his sister was reported to the LfV inasmuch as they had expressed interest in Subject in connection with the possibility that he might have met his sister in Vienna in 1961. ACL advised the LfV in 1961 that subject's trip to Vienna apparently had been in connection with his wife's business. Subject is a candidate for regular employment with RLD (now free-lance) and traces at LfV are still pending.

On 28 August I interviewed Subject with respect to his trip to Helsinki. He indicated that in addition to having received a telegram, he had received a letter on the following day, which although written by his sister, was postmarked Paris and the envelope prepared by someone other than his sister. He said that both the letter and telegram had indicated 8 August as being the final day of the Festival. He stated that he had arrived in Helsinki on the 6th and that on the 7th he had gone to the address furnished by his sister and was surprised to find it to be a rather huge, official-looking building bedecked with flags, instead of a private residence or the like. Under the circumstances he was afraid to go to the building, but stopped at a souvenir shop across the street, bought a picture postcard and, in Polish, wrote a note to his sister suggesting that she meet him that day during certain hours at the Hauptbahnhof, or later, during specified hours, at his hotel. He managed to have the card delivered to his sister by identifying himself as a Polish representative to the Festival to three girls who visited the same souvenir shop, and for whom he acted as interpreter in connection with their purchases at the shop. One of the three girls indicated that she knew the addressee on the card and immediately crossed the street to the building concerned to deliver it. Subject indicated that shortly thereafter he saw his sister enter a bus waiting in front of the building and that she had waved his card at him prior to entering. He assumed that all was in order and waited for her at the places indicated until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. When she failed to meet him he returned to the official building. He stated that he was again surprised by the fact that the building had been vacated and all the flags were gone.

Subject informed me that he keeps in touch with his family in the USSR, which consists of three sisters and mother. He states that he does this through correspondence with a cousin in Poland. He said that previously his sister had informed him that she would be present at the 1959 Vienna Youth Festival and that he had spent much time looking for her without success. He stated that in August 1961 he had been able to see her during a four-day period in Vienna when she and other teachers from the Soviet Union were visiting there. She explained to him that she had not attended the Festival in 1959 since it had conflicted with her taking certain teaching examinations.

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He stated that his sister was born in 1931, is a school teacher and is a member of the Komsomol. He stated that one of his other sisters is likewise a teacher and that the other is a postal employee. The sister he met in 1961 described their personal living conditions as satisfactory and did not accept his offer to send packages because she felt this might be prejudicial to them. Subject informed me that if I was not aware of the fact, he wanted me to know that American authorities had been apprised of his plans to meet his sister in 1961.

(copy to John)

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Note - I notified LTV of contents of this memo.

Also informed them that Subject has notified me that "U.S. authorities" had been aware of his 1961 meeting & that I had confirmed the fact with those "U.S. authorities".

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